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REPORT

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Increased Issue of Brown Coal to Locomotives.

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REMARKS

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" Since increased shipments of briquettes are expected to arrive in the coming months, more brown coal briquettes than before will have to be issued to locomotives in order to eliminate losses caused by long storage. If possible operational locomotives are therefore to be equipped with the "totes Feuerbett" (dead fire bed). The issuance of hard coal is to be limited to the absolute minimum and if possible only to locomotives of interzonal trains.
RBD Berlin 42 M 2 Kelke. " *

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* Comment. It is believed, that this order was not only issued for the Berlin railroad district but also for all the other railroad districts in the zone. The fact that the issuing of hard coal is limited at the beginning of the fall season reveals the acute shortage of hard coal in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The measure is bound to have a detrimental effect on railroad operations. Coal stocks for operational use available as of 5 September 1951 included: 125,668 tons of hard coal; 23,567 tons of brown coal; 151,064 tons of brown coal **briquettes**; 2,100 tons of coke; and 338 tons of coal dust.

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